

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 24 have been amended. Claims 1, 6, 7, 11-14, 22, 24-30 and 33-35 are pending in this application and presented for reconsideration.


Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. It is submitted that the prior amendment to claim 7, changing “the inner ceiling surface ...” to “an inner ceiling surface ...” overcame this rejection, and it is requested that the rejection of claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

Claims 1-7, 11-14, 22, 24-30 and 33-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement (it is noted that claims 2-5 were previously cancelled). The Examiner asserts that there is no support in the disclosure as originally filed for the limitations (in claims 1 and 24) of at least one of the threads of said second component member “uniformly” extending along its length at a second lead angle such that the length extending at the second lead angle is “free of any portion extending therefrom at an angle different” from the second lead angle (final Office Action, par. 3). Claim 1 has been amended (and claim 24 similarly amended) to recite “at least another one of the threads of said second component member ~~uniformly~~ extending along its entire length at a second lead angle such that the length extending at the second lead angle is free of any portion extending therefrom at an angle different from the second lead angle.” Fig. 10 of the drawings clearly provides support that the “entire” length of each thread 41 and 42 extends at a particular lead (thread 41 having one lead angle, thread 42 having another lead angle), thus providing support for the claim limitation. It is submitted that Fig. 10 shows the same embodiment as Fig. 1. That is, Fig. 10 does not show a different device than that recited in claims 1 and 24. Hence, reliance upon Fig.

10 for the support is appropriate. In view of the foregoing, it is requested that the rejection of claims 1, 6-7, 11-14, 22, 24-30 and 33-35 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

The Examiner indicated that the claims appeared to overcome the art of record. In view of the above discussion, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 6-7, 11-14, 22, 24-30 and 33-35 are respectfully requested.

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